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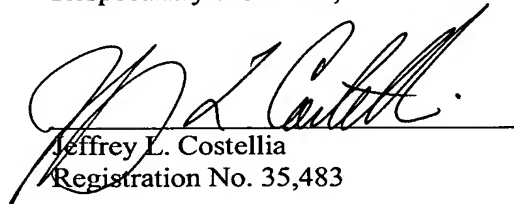
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Applicant has identified a minor omission in a Form PTO-1449 that was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 16, 2003. In particular, the publication date for U.S. Patent 5,767,003 is incorrect.

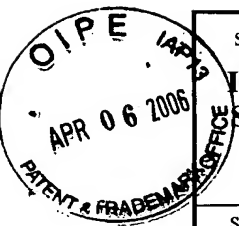
In order to correct this error, Applicants enclose a new Form PTO-1449 to correctly cite the publication date of U.S. Patent 5,767,003. The reference was previously submitted, and therefore, Applicant has not attached an additional copy of this reference. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner initial and date the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate consideration of this reference, and to mark through the incomplete entry on the PTO-1449 filed October 16, 2003.

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